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TAGS: EGEN, PFOR, TW

SUBJECT: TAIPEI-MATSU CABLE

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1. AN OFFICIAL OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC (HELLER) HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT WESTINGHOUSE HAS JOINED SIMPLEX IN THE PROJECT TO LAY AN UNDERSEA CABLE FROM TAIWAN VIA TUNG-YIN TAO TO MATSU. HELLER SAID THAT WESTINGHOUSE AND SIMPLEX WISHED TO PROCEED WITH THE SURVEY OF THE ROUTE AND ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD PRESENT ANY PROBLEMS IF A US-FLAG VESSEL WERE USED FOR THE SURVEY. HE ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE ROC HAD RECENTLY ASKED THAT THE PLANNED CABLE BE EXTENDED BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL LEG LINKING MATSU TO PAI-CHUAN LIEH-TAO, ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF MATSU.

2. DEPT ADVISED HELLER THAT WE STRONGLY OPPOSED THE USE OF A US-FLAG VESSEL FOR THE SURVEY WORK BECAUSE IT WOULD INVOLVE THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN SHIP IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS, SOMETIMES AS CLOSE AT TEN NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE PRC COAST, FOR PERHAPS AS MUCH AS
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ONE WEEK. HELLER SAID THAT COMPANIES WOULD HEED DEPART-

MENT'S ADVICE IN THIS MATTER. HE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE OWNERS OF THE CONTEMPLATED US-FLAG VESSEL WERE THEM-

SELVES RELUCTANT TO WORK IN THIS AREA. HELLER SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING SPLITTING THE SURVEY WORK INTO TWO PARTS -- ONE BEING THE LEG FROM TAMSUI TO TUNG-YIN TAO; AND THE OTHER THE LEGS LINKING TUNG-YIN TAO, MATSU AND PAI-CHUAN LIEH TAO. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH USING A US-FLAG VESSEL FOR THE FIRST LEG TO TUNG-YIN TAO AND WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO COUNSEL US VESSELS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WORKING ON THIS PART OF SURVEY. WE RESPONDED THAT, WHILE OUR GREATEST CONCERN INVOLVED THE WORK IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS, WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO USE A US VESSEL FOR ANY PART OF SURVEY WORK AND THAT USG COULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ADVISE OR ENCOURAGE US SHIPS TO UNDERTAKE WORK IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS. HELLER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND PROMISED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF PLANS CONCERNING SURVEY.

3. FOR TAIPEI: WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT WESTINGHOUSE/SIMPLEX WILL REVERT TO THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN TO USE A NON-US FLAG VESSEL, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORTING ANY INDICATION THAT COMPANIES MIGHT DECIDE TO USE US-FLAG VESSEL DESPITE OUR STRONG URGINGS TO THE CONTRARY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WESTINGHOUSE AND SIMPLEX REPS ARE CURRENTLY IN TAIPEI MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURVEY WORK, WHICH THEY HOPE TO BEGIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER. KISSINGER

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